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### **Citizen's Initiative 3-568 Passes**

Lake Oswego, OR – Citizen's Initiative 3-568 Passes – Amending Chapter X of the Lake Oswego Charter to restrict improvements on certain Lake Oswego park properties.

During the November 2, 2021 Special Election, Lake Oswego voters passed the Citizen's Initiative 3-568. Through voter approval, the City will amend Chapter X of the Lake Oswego Charter to include additional protections of our natural areas. Any future property-specific changes will include voter approval.

"I would like to give special thanks to all the community members engaged in the parks measure campaigns," Mayor Joe Buck said. "Love LO Parks elevated the issue of natural area protections for a broad set of acreage within the city. The City will continue to work together with the Friends Groups, Oswego Watershed Council and the community on the comprehensive approach needed to enhance ecological conditions throughout the City."

"The election brought forth our community's passion for the natural environment and enlivened the dialogue around how we care for natural areas. Now, we must commit to continuing to put that dialogue into action, improving upon it, and working together on the multitude of community topics framing our City life with unity and a neighborly respect," Mayor Joe Buck said. "We grow stronger when the hands of many neighbors manifest our values in lasting stewardship, good practices at home and in all parts of our city. No one has all the answers, so we are thankful for the wisdom gained from working together. Even if at times we disagree, we can all find truth in the sincere love we share for the community and our shared desire to continue to make the community an exceptional place to live, work and play."

The City will share more information about the charter amendment process in the coming weeks.

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